

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PROGRAM DIRECTORS

FROM: Randi Youells, Vice President for Programs

DATE: March 25, 2003

SUBJECT: Publication of Building State Justice Communities II

Since the publication of Building State Justice Communities two years ago, there have been many new developments in State Justice Communities around the country. The last publication featured eighteen states and the important work that these states were doing to build State Justice Communities. In Building State Justice Communities II, we would like to feature the excellent work that is being done in each state and territory in the country. To do that, we need your help.

Attached to this letter is a form that you may use to submit accomplishments that your state has made as a result of the State Planning Process. On the form there are nine categories. Please indicate into which your project fits. You may submit more than one project but please use a separate form for each project.

Possibly your state has been particularly successful in developing statewide integrated and coordinated advocacy for your clients or your state has been very successful in increasing extended representation for clients in complicated legal matters through innovative collaborations. Whatever your success story is, we'd like to hear about it. Remember, these success stories should come out of your state or territorial planning process and should have been arrived at through an inclusive, consensus-based process.

On the national level, it has been exciting to watch exciting new developments which have provided more and better legal services for our clients and which have helped ensure the continued existence of dynamic and responsive legal services programs, operating collaboratively with the many other stakeholders in Civil Justice Communities.

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Don't miss this chance to highlight the work that your State Justice Community is doing. Please submit your success stories on the attached form by the close of business, Friday, May 2, 2003. The submission must be made electronically.

Thanks for your cooperation. Working together we can build dynamic State Justice Communities in each of our states and territories through the hard work of legal services staff and other important stakeholders, communities that will help to ensure equity of access and quality legal services.

Attachments